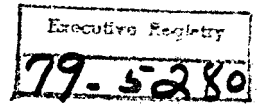


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8 November 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
VIA : Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment  
FROM : John H. Holdridge  
National Intelligence Officer for  
China-EAP  
SUBJECT : Proposed Consultant on East Asia Pacific Issues

1. Action Requested: That you approve my recommendation to use [redacted] as a consultant on issues in the East Asian/Pacific region of concern to US policy.

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2. Background: We have underway or in the planning stage a number of NIEs and other studies on issues of concern to US policy in the East Asian/Pacific region. These include two NIEs covering Korea (North Korean Indications and Warning and the Future of US-ROK Relations); one on the Philippines (Prospects of Internal Stability) and one on Indonesia (also on prospects for internal stability. In addition we are projecting an IIM on the durability of ASEAN as an effective regional organization. Regarding the Philippine NIE, you may know Gene Tighe has expressed concern over the potential for instability in the Philippines, given doubts about Marcos' ability to manage the economy and increasing criticism of the regime by opponents of martial law. The need for the estimates on Korea in the immediate present are self-evident.

3. In all of these projects I believe it would be highly desirable to draw on informed judgments of individuals outside this Agency who are familiar with the countries of the region and with the respective political and economic complexities. One such person whom I would like to bring aboard as a consultant is [redacted] (now retired from the State Department), an individual I consider to be uniquely qualified to contribute to our knowledge. His last assignment in State was as Ambassador to [redacted] one of the five ASEAN states; prior to this assignment he served as DCM [redacted] and as Political Counselor [redacted]

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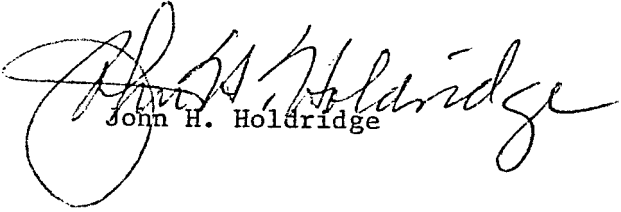
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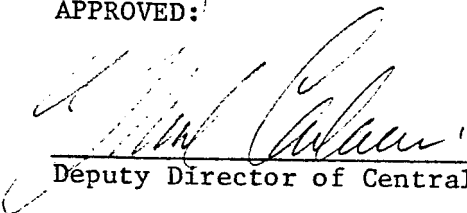
I have been impressed with his instincts on all of the countries where he has been stationed, and believe he would be a great asset to us. In particular, I contemplate using him in connection with the Philippine NIE, hopefully as early as December. Clearances will be arranged; and none of the projects will use codeword material. He would be compensated at the usual rate.

4. Recommendation: That you approve the use of [redacted]  
[redacted] as a consultant.

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John H. Holdridge

APPROVED:

  
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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